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Ansd. in Letter to Dr. Gibbes

Charleston Jany 25th 1840

My Dear Lea

By the Ship Sutton Capt Barkman

I have shipped a Box directed to you. It con-
-tains all the plants which we could find
in Elliott agreeable to your list. Dr Gibbes aided
me & indeed did nearly all the work as I am
unfortunately unable to stoop much. We have
added a few not mentioned by you that
we thought might be interesting to you. I
find several you wrote for, not in the
herbarium, but if you desire such as are
in our herbarium we will very cheerfully
send them.

This fine I am much pleased with
your work, but we are hungry & may lose
our appetites if the dinner is waiting too long
I am glad to hear of Mr Gray's return. I
expect he has found as I did that to study the nat.
hist. of our own country we must go to Europe
Is not this a shame? But we are making up.
The expect you & Gray to set us all right in Bota
And. is publishing his birds in small size - it can
only be useful in this way & is meeting a fair
support. Halbrook has completed his 4th Vol. on
the reptiles - one other will complete that ex-
-cellent work. I have visited the Audubons

in the publication of the Lead reports. The 1st vol may be out in May. Who will work at the Fishes & Insects?. I have prepared a couple of manuscript memoirs on the latter, but have been so discouraged for want of books that I have given the matter up

This is a working day with me
& I write in haste & must be brief

Yr truly

Jno Bachman

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